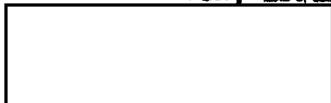


10 June 1949

Alfred Sharon, Esquire

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Dear Mr. Sharon:

In reply to your letter of May 27, 1949, we have no information regarding a tunnel underneath the Bering Strait.

Very sincerely yours,

Signed & A/C 6/10 by ER

R. H. Hillenkoetter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMO FOR RECORD: Ltr states that party of Russian engineers sent to make survey of Bering Strait 2-3 years ago, in view of construction of tunnel under Strait to connect Asia and North America. M. Sharon wrote a work on subj of connecting mail railway trunk lines of different continents; and mentions a rr route in operation from USA running to Dawson Creek in Canada and he has been studying possibility of the continuation of route to Fairbanks and thence to Nome. He expresses curiosity to route the Russians plan to connect the Trans-Siberian Ry with the Bering Strait tunnel. Russian use 5' gauge and US uses standard guage.